

CIVIL SERVICE IN SOUTHERN STATES

President Himself Directed Issuance of Order for More Examinations.

VITIATED AIR ON TRAINS

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—The idea has got abroad and has been sedulously cultivated in some quarters that the southern section of the country is behind all others in matters marking progression and up-to-dateness, but every now and then there comes to light instances showing that the South not only holds her own, but forges ahead in some things that make for advancement. An official of the Marine Hospital Service called attention to this fact a day or two ago by pointing out that the State of Texas was the first which undertook to minimize the danger of contracting diseases in railroad trains. The Texas Legislature passed a law in 1903 authorizing the State health officer to formulate rules governing the cleaning and disinfecting of cars. One of these regulations promulgated under the law mentioned, absolutely prohibits the dusting or sweeping of cars while in transit in the State of Texas, except at terminal points. Stations, where the passengers are supposed to leave the cars, at least, for a few minutes.

Dangers From Dust.

The Texans seem to have appreciated very clearly the dangers to passengers in the fine dust arising from the carpets and upholstery of railway cars, a danger now recognized by all medical men who have given the subject any attention. An attempt was made at the recent session of Congress to secure the passage of a resolution making an appropriation for the purpose of an investigation of the subject of ventilation, with a view to enacting Federal legislation aimed at securing freedom of material facts. Dr. Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service, which has been investigating car-ventilation for a year or two, will keep up the work, and several other laboratories are in correspondence with Surgeon General Wyman, so that there will be a valuable interchange of material facts. Dr. Wyman said today that it was impossible to say just how much danger of contagion there is through the vitiated air of the ordinary day-coach now in use, or in the Pullman sleeping and palace cars. "The matter is being investigated by our laboratory," he said.

It is fair to say that the railroad companies and the Pullman Company have shown a disposition to co-operate with the service in looking into the subject, which is of such vital interest to their passengers, numbering many millions every year, but the great street railway systems of the large cities have not manifested the slightest interest.

England's Sea Supremacy.

Is England destined at an early day, to lose her sea supremacy? That her supremacy on the ocean is not unchallenged is evidenced by a report from Consul General Skinner, Marseilles, France, in which he says: "The British nation is confronted today with much the same problem as that confronting the United States. It costs more money to operate British ships with British sailors than it does to operate German, Italian, Spanish, Danish, or Japanese ships, and the typical British bodied British seaman is fast disappearing. Mr. Leyland, president of the Association of Liverpool Shipowners, has warned the British public in regard to these facts in a vigorous letter, wherein he states that the Italian fleet has increased from 200,000 tons in 1890 to 600,000 tons in 1903. He adds that the methods of rapid development employed by these two nations are worthy of careful study, and that they threaten the maritime ascendancy of Great Britain."

South and Civil Service.

It is reported that President Roosevelt himself directed the Civil Service Commission to issue the order for more examinations for appointment to the civil service to be held in the Southern States. It is said the President was surprised upon investigation to learn that so many more persons in the Southern States, from Northern and Western States, had offices under the civil, than were filled by Southern men and women, and the order issued directing that examinations be held in the South this month, and in April, for the purpose of securing eligible candidates for places of various kinds, was the result. Kentucky is one of the Southern States which is not proportionately represented in the civil service; North Carolina and Tennessee, and Mississippi are others. Texas is a little short of her full quota. Maryland and Virginia have more than their entitlement.

Though the President is so deeply exercised over the lack of justice shown the South in the matter of appointments under the civil service, he did not manifest a very striking amount of sentiment



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CHARGES BRIBERY AT WORLD'S FAIR

Affidavits in Hands of National Commission, Says Senator Carter.

MONEY FOR PRIZE MEDALS?

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, March 20.—Senator Carter has caused it to be made known here that charges of bribery in the matter of awarding prizes have been filed with the national commission of the St. Louis World's Fair. He is at the head of the commission.

"Such charges are already on file with the national commission," said Mr. Carter, "but there has been no announcement by the members of the commission or any one else as to what awards these concern. The final settlement of awards must be approved by the national commission, and whenever any kind of corruption is charged this commission has told the company that it would be necessary to investigate before final approval could be made."

"Up to the present time the exposition company has failed to submit any of the awards to the commission, and on this account no investigation has been possible. The law is very explicit in the matter, and is not capable of any other interpretation."

"Until an award is submitted to the commission no investigation can be made. There are charges on file affecting it. The fact that the exposition has submitted no award whatever for approval leads to a suspicion on the part of the Federal commission that there has been wholesale corruption, and that no jury cares to investigate."

The Federal commission goes out of existence July 1st on account of limitation placed by law, and unless the final awards are submitted and approved by that time none of them can have legal effect.

Relations between the national government and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company continue to be nothing less than strained. Senator Carter is still unsatisfied in regard to the disposition of the property of the St. Louis Fair officials, and this cannot be dissociated from the question of awards made by various boards.

The government's attitude toward the fair officials is therefore critical on two scores. Exhibitors who have been awarded the grand prize and minor prizes are still at a loss to know why the final awards, which are subject to approval by the national commission, have not yet been made, and the contest is now being fought by Senator Carter, who said that the responsibility lies entirely with the exposition authorities.

The government has not yet been informed why it was that the fair officials saw fit to sell for \$250,000 property on the exposition grounds which was valued by experts to be worth \$2,000,000, and unless such explanation is made satisfactory to the national commission before July 1st a congressional investigation is almost certain.

PASTOR WAS CURTLY DISMISSED BY CHURCH

Lack of Funds Compelled Him to Use Sunday Trains.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PITTMAN, N. J., March 20.—An accusation that the Rev. William W. Gordon Jones, the twenty-two-year-old converted minister pastor of the Methodist Church here, traveled on Sunday trains is given as the cause for the dramatic exit from the church that he made yesterday.

The Rev. Mr. Jones had come to Pittman on a morning train from Philadelphia, and had opened the Bible preparatory to opening the service, when Charles Lynch, one of the church trustees, arose and said:

"I have been instructed, Pastor Jones, to announce to you that your services in this church are no longer required." The young man's face reddened. He opened his mouth to speak, but thought better of it, picked up his overcoat and left the church without a word. He walked from Pittman to Venonah and took a train from there back to Philadelphia.

Besides the use of Sunday trains, there have also been charges involving neglect of pastoral duties. The Rev. Mr. Jones, on the other hand, has alleged that he has been under paid, and that he could not pay "wind pudding" to use his own phrase. He has been paid at the rate of \$1 a day.

It is understood that he has said that the use of Sunday trains was necessary in his case. He avers that the time spent away from Pittman has been devoted largely to evangelistic work elsewhere. His grandfather, the Rev. S. Carr Woodhead, of Philadelphia, filled the pulpit when he was absent.

MORE HEADS TO BE CHOPPED OFF

Important Changes in Virginia Offices Said to be Pending.

ROGERS TO STAY IN AWHILE

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20.—Although the belief is quite general that the President will appoint somebody else to take the position of collector of internal revenue to succeed Captain Asa Rogers, of the Richmond District, a prominent Republican of Virginia stated in this city today that he did not believe a change would be made soon, and was doubtful that one would be made at all. "My understanding is," he said, "that Captain Rogers will be allowed to retain the position for sometime to come, and that the question of a successor has not been settled. I do not think there is good reason for the friends of Captain Rogers to be uneasy concerning his prospects."

In view of the conflicting stories it is impossible to say what will be done in the matter, but the better opinion seems to be that the collector will be removed, probably within a month or two. It is true that powerful influences are backing Captain Rogers, the impression is prevalent here that the President wants to give the position of collector to some one else. The identity of the man upon whom the presidential eye is fixed is unknown.

Big Changes Coming.

The same Republican who is authority for the district that Captain Rogers will not be disturbed in his place, at least, not for sometime to come, also stated that S. Brown Allen will be removed from his position of collector of the Western District of Virginia, when his term of office expires, one year, hence, approximately. The unwillingness of the President to remove Allen, however, in a thoroughly official way, that when the matter came up in the Senate, Major Daniel had charge of it, and Senator Hale, of Maine, offered objection, which carried it over. Major Daniel, knowing full well the rules of the Senate, moved to reconsider, and the next day made a successful personal appeal to Mr. Hale and the bill was passed.

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LARGE IMPORTATIONS.

Richmond Firms Get Quantities of Merchandise From Europe.

The United States customs office in this city have received large importations recently in bond, most of them coming across the continent from San Francisco to this city or from New York or Newport News.

Among the recent receipts are 440 bales of Japanese matings from Kobe via San Francisco, and consigned to Richmond firms. The duty on this shipment amounts to \$41,620. Fifty cases of Scotch whisky, consigned to R. L. Christian and Company, netted the government \$27,000. Three cases of ginseng, consigned to Lichtenstein and Son, coming from Glasgow, Scotland, had to pay a duty of \$700.

Two lots of burlaps from Calcutta, of 100 bales each, have recently been received for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, by which the burlaps are used to make bags for fertilizers. These two shipments of burlaps are valued at \$3,700.

Among the importations on the way, for which the invoices have been received are two car loads of earthenware for the E. B. Taylor Company; a large shipment of crimson clover seed from Paris, for T. W. Wood and Son, of this city. This firm alone imported last year 6,000 bushels of crimson clover seed, and the two shipments of clover seed, N. R. Savage and Son, of this city, are also large importers of clover seed.

DANIEL COMMENDED.

Jamestown Exposition People Give Senator Much Praise.

The advocates of the Jamestown Exposition in this city and in Eastern Virginia are giving Senator John W. Daniel great praise for his successful efforts in securing the passage of the bill through the Senate of the appropriation for the proposed Exposition in Hampton Roads in 1907.

At first there was some misunderstanding on the subject, and the service which Senator Daniel rendered in connection with the matter was not fully recognized. It has become known here, however, in a thoroughly official way, that when the matter came up in the Senate, Major Daniel had charge of it, and Senator Hale, of Maine, offered objection, which carried it over. Major Daniel, knowing full well the rules of the Senate, moved to reconsider, and the next day made a successful personal appeal to Mr. Hale and the bill was passed.

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President—A. H. PIERSON.
Vice-President and Secretary—W. W. UNDERHILL.
Treasurer—J. H. PIERSON, OFFICE: NEW YORK CITY.
Organized or Incorporated—APRIL 1, 1824.
Commenced Business—APRIL 8, 1824.

Amount of capital stock subscribed	\$250,000.00	Amount of capital stock paid up in cash	\$250,000.00
Value of real estate owned by the company	\$56,000.00	Loans on mortgage (fully recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple) upon which not more than one year's interest is due	\$258,700.00
Interest accrued on all endowments, loans, and other investments	\$772.01	Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and perishable improvements	\$222,800.00
Value of buildings mortgaged or other securities thereon	\$280,700.00	Total value of said mortgaged premises	\$463,500.00
BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.			
New York City bonds	\$85,000.00	Par Value	\$85,000.00
New York City stock	88,000.00	Market Value	8